

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: FORMATION AND
MEMBERSHIP OF THE FELONY
SENTENCING COMMITTEE

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ORDER

The Court having reviewed a recommendation from the Administrative Conference for the appointment of a Committee on Felony Sentencing, and the Court being fully informed;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a Committee on Felony Sentencing is formed to address the following:

1. Consider development of a system for collection from and distribution to district judges of data on the sentences that district judges are imposing and factors relevant to the sentence imposed;
2. Collect and analyze data on who is sentenced to prison, how that decision is made, how long individuals are imprisoned, who is paroled, and the implications of all of these;
3. Review sentencing policies and practices including sentencing mechanics, appellate review, ranges and information by charge, rates of incarceration, prison population, and sentencing commissions;
4. Review relevant research on evidence-based correctional practices, sentencing policies and sentencing alternatives including diversion and community-based programs, considering what works in reducing recidivism and national policy initiatives to reduce recidivism;
5. Improve the timeliness and quality of information available to judges at sentencing, including information from the Department of Correction as to availability of programming as well as other sentencing information;
6. Develop sentencing curriculum materials and forms, in coordination with the Judicial Education Committee, for new judges and all district court judges annually thereafter; and

7. From time to time, act as a liaison to the Department of Correction relating to pre-sentence investigations, probation supervision, sentencing alternatives and other sentencing matters of interest to all district judges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following persons are appointed as members of the Sentencing Committee, to serve until further order of the Court:

District Judge Michael McLaughlin, Chair
District Judge Lansing Haynes
District Judge John Stegner
District Judge Juneal Kerrick
District Judge Randy Stoker
District Judge David Nye
District Judge Jon Shindurling

Court of Appeals Judge Karen Lansing

Supreme Court Justice Joel Horton

Patti Tobias, Administrative Director of the Courts

Michael Henderson, Legal Counsel

Scott Ronan, Planning Specialist

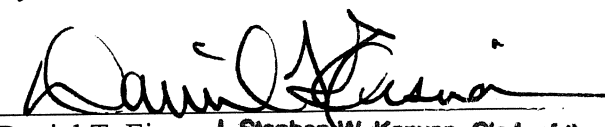
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sentencing Committee shall meet regularly and report periodically to district court judges, the Administrative Conference, and the Supreme Court with the results of its study and any recommendations.

DATED this 20 day of May, 2008.

By Order of the Supreme Court

ATTEST:


Clerk


Daniel T. Eismann
Chief Justice

In Stephen W. Kenyon, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Order entered in the above entitled cause and now on record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of this Court 5/21/08

STEPHEN W. KENYON

Clerk

By: 

Deputy